Disruption of Dolphin Services

2440. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 24th of October MTNL Dolphin Network was not in proper functioning gear;

(b) if so, whether this was due to the mass scale repatriation of senior and middle level officers of Indian Telecommunication Service (ITS); and

(c) what "reliable system" has been evolved by Government to ensure that communication services especially relating to Mobile are not adversely affected due to random episodes as happened this time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) MTNL's Cellular Mobile Network was functioning normally on 24th October, 2005. However, there was interruption in the cellular mobile network for incoming calls for a period of two hours on 24.10.2005 in Main Switching Centre at Tis Hazari in MTNL, Delhi only.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Performance of network is watched very carefully and all efforts are made to provide uninterrupted service by closely monitoring and taking prompt corrective action.

Installation of WLL towers in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh

†2441. SHRI BALAVANT *alias* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL are installing WLL towers in rural areas;

(b) if so, the target thereof in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra division during the current financial year;

(c) whether delay is being caused in this work;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, whether it is causing benefit to the mobile companies in private sector; and

(e) the details of the action being taken against the guilty officials in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For covering rural areas with WLL facility, following WLL towers (BTS) are installed/targeted during the current financial year:

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Number of WLL Towers (BTS)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	126
2	Maharashtra	09

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

STD/ISD rates

2442. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of STD/ISD facilities are uniform all over the country;

(b) if so, how people in cities like Pune and elsewhere charge arbitrary rates from the customers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure uniform rates and facilities all over India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.